

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3215 - SB 3180

March 5, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes membership within the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (TWRC). Authorizes the Commissioners of both the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Agriculture to select designees to serve as a non-voting members on the behalf of such Commissioners. Reduces, from 11 to 9 members, the membership of the Commission by removing two gubernatorial appointees. Requires any Commissioner, prior to serving on the Commission, to have possessed a hunting and sport fishing license for at least four years and to have been a resident of Tennessee for at least five years. Requires the Governor to select three of the gubernatorial appointees from lists of nominees submitted by organizations representing persons who enjoy outdoor activities. Authorizes the Chair of the Commission, or majority of the Commission, to call emergency meetings. Terminates membership of a citizen member upon such member's absence for three consecutive meetings. Absences from such meetings are excused if caused by a verified health problem or condition or an unforeseeable event, accident or tragedy prior to any such meeting.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$7,300

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), the average cost incurred per Commissioner, including expense reimbursements for travel, meal, and per diem, is \$3,657 per year.
- Reducing the number of Commissioners from eleven to nine will result in a recurring decrease in state expenditures of \$7,314 (\$3,657 x 2).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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